

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure section starting at page 23, line 2 and ending at page 23, line 10 to read, as follows.

--~~An~~ ~~The present invention relates to an~~ image forming apparatus includes an ~~comprising~~ image carrying member means and an intermediate transfer body in an endless shape movable and receivable of toner images from said image carrying member means at first and second transfer positions. The following relationship formula is satisfied where a distance from the ~~the~~ ~~[[said]]~~ first transfer position to the ~~the~~ ~~[[said]]~~ second transfer position along the moving direction of the ~~the~~ ~~[[said]]~~ intermediate transfer body is denoted as L_{ab} , a circumference ~~circumstance~~ of the ~~the~~ ~~[[said]]~~ intermediate transfer in the moving direction is denoted as L_r , and a length of the ~~the~~ ~~[[said]]~~ toner image formed on the ~~the~~ ~~[[said]]~~ intermediate transfer body is denoted as L_m — L_r — $L_m > L_{ab}$ --